POSTAL AFFAIRS

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POSTAL AFFAIRS MISSION

- Establish USMC postal policy and procedures.
- Assists in DoD, Military Postal Service Agency (MPSA) special projects.
- Maintain liaison between Marine Corps commands, MPSA, USPS and other DoD agencies.
- Member of HQMC IG Inspection Team.
- OCC Field Sponsor for MOS 0160/0161.
- Provide recommendations on T/O billet changes, promotion allocations, and briefs promotion and/or selection boards.
- Coordinates with DoD and USPS for postal theft and depredations and/or reimbursement of monies or equipment.

OIF ISSUES

- Communication Issues
  - Postal access very limited - local cell phones & later email
  - Postal policies need widest possible dissemination
- Postal Briefs Critical
  - Pre-deployment briefs for all units, KVNs, and Reserve & Advanced party personnel
- Transportation Issues (Iraq)
  - Mail transit time - @12 days both ways for letters and parcels
    - Air transportation is provided 7 days a week
    - Established transportation hubs and trucking contracts
  - Dear Abby type mail - safety, re-direct & logistic problems
  - Open parcel Inspection vs. X-ray

OIF ISSUES (continued)

- Postal Equipment Issues
  - Postal SL3 list is being reviewed/modernized
  - Tents & heavy equipment must be dedicated to postal
  - Upgrading USPS equipment at facilities
  - Computers and Internet Critical
- Automated Military Postal System (AMPS)
  - Deployed Unit's Addresses not updated in 3270
  - Mail Routings - now processed through AMPS
  - Supply requests - now submitted to USPS via AMPS
  - Many postal directives and electronic forms available
  - Future developments
- Postal Oversight of JMMTs, MCAs & FMC Bahrain

POSTAL INITIATIVES

- Postal Locator Program & Postal Affairs Website
  - Continue upgrading, printers and labels to every mailroom
- New Postal Personal Data Assistants (PDAs) will automate various postal procedures
- Standardize & automate postal procedures to become more customer user friendly

POSTAL POCs

"We Can't Help if We Don't Know"

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